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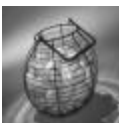
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Weekly prices in the Southeast region were generally unchanged on the larger sizes and lower on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was usually steady beginning the week. Demand was light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were light to sufficient for the light demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the fair to fairly good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were usually moderate to at times fairly good. Food service demand was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were light for the quiet demand. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment about steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	
			RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	39-48	42-45	LARGE	20-29
LARGE	38-47	40-43	MEDIUM	15-21
MEDIUM	33-42	35-38	SMALL	7-11

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was mixed, mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for less than normal to usually normal schedules. Light type hens were at least adequate for the fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-62	51-54
LARGE	43-57	50-52
MEDIUM	37-50	41-44

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was usually moderate to at times fairly good. Food service movement remained mostly light. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Demand was quiet for the light offerings. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment about steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-57	50-53
LARGE	46.5-55	48-51
MEDIUM	41.5-50	43-46

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were generally unchanged on the larger sizes and lower on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient for the fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47.5-60.25	49-52
LARGE	46-57.25	47-50
MEDIUM	38.5-50.25	39-43

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was usually steady entering the week. Demand was mixed following wintry weekend weather. Supplies were generally adequate to fully adequate for trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	57-61
LARGE	55-59
MEDIUM	49-53

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-54	47-49
LARGE	44-52	45-47
MEDIUM	39-47	40-42

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 9% lower than last Monday with California down 14% and Oregon- Washington-Utah up 1%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 14% lower than last week. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 57.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	99
EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	84
MEDIUM	77

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	269-329
EXTRA LARGE	249-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-219

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	
MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 17, 2006 will increase by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 10, 2006 were 286,795 cases which was 15 percent above the prior week and 14 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	245,008	41,787	286,795
% change from the prior week.....	+16	+12	+15

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were light while demand remained quiet. Floor stocks closely balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	24-27	25-26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-18	14-16

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product was mostly moderate. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-FEB-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15	11-13	12.25
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Sales of finished product were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-FEB-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.25	11-13	12.05

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - FEB 13, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.7	20.4	5.9	15.7	11.7	63.4
	Change	-1.1	-3.9	-0.3	-9.0	-2.1	-21%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.2	58.9	7.4	25.1	33.4	145.0
	Change	-6.8	-15.3	-4.4	-5.4	-3.7	-20%
Large	Curr Wk	35.6	126.2	52.6	84.9	109.5	408.8
	Change	-3.5	-18.4	-5.5	-11.7	-12.9	-11%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.4	68.2	12.6	16.4	33.0	141.6
	Change	-4.5	0.4	-0.7	-8.6	1.3	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	6.6	10.1	1.1	7.2	9.0	34.0
	Change	-0.9	-1.5	-7.9	1.5	-2.7	-25%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.4	41.3	8.7	13.8	4.1	69.3
	Change	-0.4	4.4	-0.1	1.9	-1.2	7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.0	52.8	26.7	31.5	33.5	164.5
	Change	1.7	-7.8	-7.5	4.2	-1.7	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	104.9	377.9	115.0	194.6	234.2	1026.6
Percent	Change	-13%	-10%	-19%	-12%	-9%	-12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,026.6	-12%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	230.5	1%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,257.1	-10%	203

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 168 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2006.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 20.00**FUTURE LOADS** 13.50**TOTAL LOADS** 33.50

SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	26.50	—	27.50	29.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	62.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	47.50	50.00	47.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	35.00	41.00	—	—	—	46.33	4.00
GL W XL	42.50	45.50	39.75	41.00	34.21	36.25	14.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	43.00	6.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	24.75	25.75	.50								
GL W SM	24.75	27.75	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/06/06-02/10/06**CURRENT LOADS** 105.25**FUTURE LOADS** 38.00**TOTAL LOADS** 143.25

SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	26.25	—	27.30	28.67	—	—	9.00	GL W J	48.00	—	—	—	—	60.80	2.50
GL W J	—	—	45.25	47.00	47.50	—	3.50	GL W XL	34.89	39.61	—	50.00	44.00	46.00	17.00
GL W XL	42.50	40.16	37.18	37.04	33.74	35.38	53.00	GL W LG	32.64	39.74	—	42.75	—	43.73	26.75
GL W LG	—	36.83	32.33	35.25	32.18	32.00	28.75	GL W MD	29.50	34.60	30.00	—	—	35.75	7.25
GL W MD	35.00	28.00	27.00	28.00	24.25	30.15	11.25	GL BR LG	48.00	—	—	70.00	—	58.00	1.75
GL W SM	24.75	27.75	23.00	22.00	19.00	26.00	7.00	NRBS - 48	23.50	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	55.00	—	.75								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	24.00	26.31	34.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	23.00	25.75	—	26.00	11.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	25.33	6.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	18.75	12.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	11.75	15.00	2.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.
 THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER.
 NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/06/06	01/30/06	02/07/05
PACIFIC COAST	138	104	428
LOS ANGELES	136	100	423

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on medium. Supplies are fully adequate. Retail demand is fair.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	66.86
LARGE	63.86
MEDIUM	56.86
SMALL	48.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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